occasional licenses are granted in the Madras Presidency," and the answer has been supplied.

The number of trees licensed for toddy tapping.

125. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of trees licensed for toddy tapping and the number of cocoanut trees, palmyras and sagos licensed for tapping for jaggery toddy, fermented toddy and bakery in the years 1100 and 1101 ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—A statement giving the information asked for is appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

The percentage of increase in the number of trees licensed for tapping.

126. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the increase in population from 1091 to the current year and also the percentage of that increase ;

(b) the number of trees licensed for toddy tapping in 1091 and the increase in the number of such trees from 1091—1101 and also the percentage of that increase,

(c) whether the increase in the number of trees licensed for fermented toddy is not in proportion higher than the increase in population, and if so, what is the percentage of such increase ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) Statistics year-wise are not available.

(b) Please see the answer to question No. 61 (legislative session). The increase or decrease can be readily had at a glance from the figures furnished in the answer referred to above.

(c) In view of the answer to sub-division (a) above, no accurate reply can be given.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The percentage of increase asked for has not been given.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The percentage can be worked out.

President.—The answer can be worked out and given.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I did not work it out, because it is not within my exclusive knowledge. If the Member wants, I shall work it out.

President.—He wants the answer to enable this House to know it. You must satisfy each individual Member.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I suppose the Member wants percentage in each succeeding year from 1091 to 1101. I shall work it out.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I asked that question to put some supplementary question. Now, I shall postpone it.

Jaggery tapping.

127. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Hon'ble Member for Excise be pleased to inform the number of cocoanut trees palmyras and sagos licensed in the State this year for tapping jaggery toddy and fermented toddy (giving separate figures)?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—

	Cocoanut.	*Palmyra*	*Sago.*
For jaggery toddy	6,015	8,093	8,460.
For fermented toddy	61,872	8,239	4,453.

(Till the end of Edavam 1101.)

128. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state that, in spite of the representations made to the Government by the non-official Members of the Legislative Council in the budget and legislative sessions that the present system of enforcing a license fee for tapping for jaggery manufacture should be abolished, and that the system now prevailing in the Madras Presidency should be followed, the Government will continue the present system in the ensuing year?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The Excise Committee recently constituted will enquire into the advisability of abolishing the license fee, and the Government will examine their recommendations, if any, in the matter. Till then the present system will have to be continued.

Licenses to new tappers.

129. Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.— Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) in how many cases of new tappers has the department over-ruled the objections of the Aminadars and granted licenses against their recommendations to the contrary, during the last 3 years, and what were the reasons for the same;

(b) has the Government or the department made any inquiries as to the real cause underlying their objections in the above cases;

(c) if so, has it called for any explanations from the officers concerned, and what steps have been taken by the Government to regulate their conduct in future? If not, why not?

(d) If not, will the Government be pleased to make immediate inquiries and take the necessary steps to prevent such conduct in future and inform this House the result of the inquiry and the steps taken?

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